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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to ongoing absentee voter status for general
2 elections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 53.3 ONGOING ABSENTEE VOTER.

2 A registered voter applying for an absentee ballot under
3 section 53.2 using the state commissioner's prescribed form
4 for absentee ballot applications may request to receive an
5 absentee ballot for each subsequent general election in which
6 that person is eligible to vote, and qualifies under section
7 53.1. The state commissioner shall provide on the prescribed
8 form a check box for this purpose. For each subsequent
9 general election, the commissioner shall automatically mail an
10 absentee ballot to the requesting voter, or automatically
11 deliver an absentee ballot to a confined person pursuant to
12 section 53.22. A voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter
13 shall be terminated upon the request of the voter, by the
14 commissioner if the voter fails to qualify under section 53.1,
15 or if the voter fails to vote in a general election.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill allows an absentee voter to receive absentee
18 ballots for all subsequent general elections without having to
19 reapply before each election. A person's status as an ongoing
20 absentee voter can be terminated by that person, by the county
21 commissioner of elections if the person fails to qualify as an
22 absentee voter, or if the voter fails to vote in a general
23 election.

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